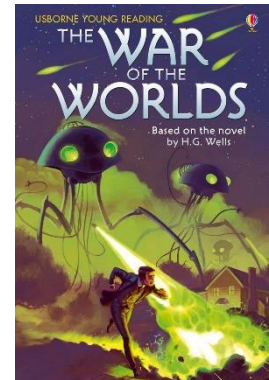


Year 5 Autumn 1 2023

Welcome to our first Year 5 newsletter of the new school year. The children have come back to school ready and eager to learn! Mrs Hemingway (Silver Birch) and Mr Sharp (Sycamore) are the class teachers in Year 5 this year. Mrs Raju and Mrs Mahmood are the teaching support assistants. The children will also work with Ms. Reddish and Ms Henry.

English

We start the year with an adventurous leap into H.G.Wells' *War of the Worlds*. We will look at the original text, the famous musical and a version with child-friendly language to truly immerse the children in the world of the alien invasion. We will focus on our core retrieval skills in reading, ensuring the children are always looking to the text to find their answers. This will be key when we look at other skills where children must justify their answers with evidence from the text. In writing, we begin the year by looking to refresh and consolidate many English skills the children will have learnt from elsewhere (such as using apostrophes and punctuating direct speech).



Maths

This half term the children will begin by developing their understanding of place value. Then we will focus on building their addition and subtraction knowledge. Developing mental strategies is important in Maths, and this will be included in all lessons. Please help by encouraging your child to develop these skills at home. Helping them to learn their times tables and division facts thoroughly is one important way to do this. The children find Times Table Rockstars a particularly fun and engaging way and is a proven method to secure these skills.



Science

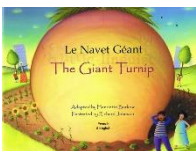
In Science this half term we will start to explore the subject of space. This will include looking at the Earth, its rotational axis, its place in the solar system and surround planets as well as going into detail about phases of the moon and how day and night occur. This unit may overlap slightly with later work on forces, as we begin to understand gravity and magnetism. We will also have the exciting opportunity of a visiting planetarium to truly engage with this unit of work.

Geography

In conjunction with our Science, our focus will be on the Planet Earth. This will include looking at the hemispheres and time zones (as well as locating countries within the different zones).

PE

We will be developing our hockey and Tag Rugby skills this half term. PE kit should be a round neck white T-shirt, blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms or black leggings, trainers. We respectfully remind you that all P.E. uniform should be clearly named to prevent items being lost. PE will be outdoors on any occasion it can be. Children should always come prepared for an outdoor lesson just in case. We may also go outside and be active on other days which do not require a change into a PE kit, such as skipping, however suitable footwear is necessary. All active kit must be in school from Monday to Friday for this eventuality.



French

We will be focusing on animals (and specifically our pets) during French this half term. We will also look at the French version of *The Enormous Turnip* folktale.

Planners

All children will be receiving their planners. The class teacher will look to see evidence of home reading as it is vital to a child's development and we encourage it as often as possible. We appreciate if you could ask the children reading questions alongside this, and they have help for this in the back of their planners.

Homework comes out twice a week – Maths on Wednesday and Online homework on Friday – which is due in on the Monday.